


REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/161,566 filed May 31, 2002 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/554,651 filed September 27, 2000, which is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01956, filed April 13, 1999. The purpose of this divisional is to pursue non-elected claims 14-28 and 41-48 from the parent application. A prompt official action on the merits of all claims is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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